# Regional TeleStroke Initiative

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#### Mission:

 To reduce the rural-urban disparity by aligning regional resources and stakeholders and delivering stroke expertise to rural facilities in Washington and across the Northwest region.

#### Core Leadership Team:

- Dr. Nick Okon (OR/MT)
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- Dr. David Tirschwell (WA)
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## **Activities**

#### Focus areas:

- Educational opportunities
- Telemedicine survey
- Grant opportunities
- Quality improvement
- Licensure, liability, credentialing, reimbursement, technology and clinical capacity.

#### More information?

WA Stroke Forum website

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- New interactive Web site
- The purpose of this site is to be the go-to site for stroke information in Washington State, and a resource for the Pacific Northwest, and other states.
- Includes news, events, online trainings, upcoming conferences, and an interactive discussion forum.
- Has a special section for Stroke Coordinators, including work on a Guidance Manual and mentoring/shadowing opportunities.
- Contains updated information and research links on stroke prevention, acute stroke treatment, stroke care, and data/resources.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> All materials and PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the Stroke Forum after this conference. You will find the link in the follow-up thank you email we send out shortly\*\*\*



## **WA Stroke Council**

- Purpose: This group will lead and guide efforts to improve stroke care and prevention, and will serve as expert advisors to the Washington State Department of Health's Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. They will help to identify challenges and issues in our state and suggest solutions.
- Who: Stroke professionals and leaders from across the stroke continuum of care, serving on the former Northwest Regional Stroke Network leadership team or currently serving on the Emergency Cardiac and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee. Invitation lists were sent out in early June and members are being finalized now.
- When: Stroke leadership calls will start in July and take place bimonthly via telephone.

# Questions

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